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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY REGARDING TRADING LICENSE
APPLICATION

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1. THE COAST TRADING COMPANY, AN OREGON GRAIN BROKER, HAS MADE NUMEROUS EFFORTS TO OBTAIN GROC AGREEMENT FOR COAST TO ACT AS A GRAIN SUPPLIER TO TAIWAN. COMMUNICATIONS AN COAST'S BEHALF HAVE BEEN SENT TO GROC OFFICIALS BY CONGRESSMEN FROM OREGON, WASHINGTON, AND IDAHO.

2. THE PROBLEM IS NOT LACK OF IMPORT LICENSE BUT A GROC AGREEMENT WITH 9 MAJOR U.S. GRAIN COMPANIES TO ACT AS ITS EXCLUSIVE SUPPLIERS TO TAIWAN. A NEW 5-YEAR GRAIN PURCHASING AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED WITH THESE FIRMS ON MARCH 19, 1976. DETAILS OF THIS AGREEMENT CAN BE OBTAINED FROM JAMES HUTCHINSON, GENERAL SALES MANAGER, USDA, WHO ATTEHDDED SIGNING CEREMONY.

3. AS THE NEW AGREEMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN SIGNED, WE SEE LITTLE CHANCE OF GROC OPENING GRAIN TRADE TO OTHER SUPPLIERS.
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